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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Guide us, O Lord, for many are the plans of our hearts. The schedules we have carefully laid out on our calendars, the expectations we bring with us into this Chamber, the outcomes we desire from the decisions before us are multitude. Many are the plans of our hearts, but it is Your purpose that prevails.

Remind us then of Your sovereignty in all that befalls us in this day. When our schedules are upended, when our expectations are far from met, and when those outcomes we desire escape our ability to influence, remind us that it is always Your purpose that prevails.

In Your grace plan for us, may we find that in all that we intend, You have a grander vision. In all that we anticipate, You offer us so much more. In the results we seek, You have already provided a future beyond our imaginings.

Many are the plans of our hearts, but Your purpose, O Lord, prevails.

In sure and certain hope in Your divine guidance and in the strength of Your name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SEWELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING ANDREA LINETTE RODRIGUEZ

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Andrea Linette Rodriguez, a third grade student from Sanchez Elementary School in McAllen, Texas.

Andrea recently won the first place prize in the NABE's Being Bilingual Essay Competition.

In her award-winning essay, Andrea wrote, "Because I speak Spanish, I was able to say good-bye when my abuelito became a star."

Andrea, I am sure your abuelito is very proud of you, as we all are. Like many children in south Texas, Andrea exemplifies a beautiful tradition that is deeply rooted in our Nation's history of patriotic Americans.

In south Texas, we celebrate both our Hispanic culture and our being patriotic Americans. I encourage all youth to embrace both the English language and a second language. Knowledge is power.

Felicidades, Andrea, on your achievement and showcasing the very best of south Texas.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE CURRY FAMILY AS 2023 STATE OF THE UNION GUESTS

(Ms. SEWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my distinguished guests for the 2023 State of the Union, the Curry family of Selma, Alabama.

Mr. Thomas Curry is a native of Selma who bravely served our Nation for over 30 years in the United States Air Force. Mrs. Annie Curry, his wife, spent over a decade working as a teacher and a counselor at Selma High School.

The Currys have been married for over 60 years and are currently in their nineties. Tragically, as a result of the tornadoes that tore through Alabama on January 12, the Currys lost their home of over 50 years, displacing them and destroying the place where they raised their five children. Luckily, the Currys escaped without injury. God is indeed good.

The people of Alabama's Seventh Congressional District are indeed resilient, and the Curry family represents the very best of us. Their story is yet another reminder of the need for increased Federal assistance for Alabama families impacted by the tornadoes.

I was honored to lead a delegation letter to President Biden asking for 100 percent Federal share, given the dire straits of the historic city of Selma, Alabama, and that of Autauga County.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking my colleagues to welcome the Currys to our Nation's Capitol and keep them in your prayers. We are indeed Selma strong.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HARVEY HOTINGER

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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